

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3497, the bill just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

INDIAN ENVIRONMENTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1834) to reauthorize the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1834

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION.

Section 502(h) of the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4368b(h)) is amended by striking "\$15,000,000" and inserting "such sums as may be necessary".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah [Mr. HANSEN] and the gentleman from American Samoa [Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah [Mr. HANSEN].

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

S. 1834 would reauthorize the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992. That Act provides general assistance to Indian tribes so that they can address environmental issues on Indian lands.

Through the funding provided in this Act, Tribes are able to implement solid and hazardous waste programs on their own lands. In this way Tribes are able to fulfill self-government requirements by managing their own affairs using their own expertise and their own experience.

To date over 100 tribes have received grants under this act. At present tribes are developing environmental agreements which will identify environmental priorities and which will allow Tribes to implement programs for water quality, solid waste management, air quality, and pesticide management.

This is an important bill, Mr. Speaker. It authorizes such sums as may be necessary for what I understand is vital funding to Indian Tribes throughout our Nation.

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I recommend a yes vote on H.R. 1834, and I reserve the balance of my time, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, S. 1834 simply amends the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992 to change the authorization of funds available under the program from the current level of \$15 million to "such sums as may be necessary". Funding levels will still be subject to inclusion in an appropriations bill and submitted each year to Congress.

This program awards general assistance grants to Indian tribal Governments to enhance their ability to manage environmental programs on Indian lands. To date approximately 100 tribes have received multi media grants allowing them to develop and implement environmental protection procedures. However the need far outweighs the current limit on funding. \$28 million is included in appropriations language for fiscal year 1997 for this program.

With the grant assistance from this program, Indian tribes have developed comprehensive environmental programs in the areas of solid and hazardous waste management, water and air quality, and pesticide management. The Penobscot Indian Nation of Maine has established an award winning water resources program. This program had been nationally recognized as a model for State-Tribal-Federal cooperation. Some tribes have been able to clean up solid and hazardous waste sites on their land with the help of this program. Still other tribes have closed open-air dumps, established recycling programs, identified leaking underground storage tanks and potential superfund sites.

Mr. Speaker, the cost of this program is minimal compared to the return this nation, in cooperation with American Indian nations, gains. I urge my colleagues to support passage of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. [Mr. BURTON of Indiana]. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah, Mr. HANSEN, that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1834.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. 1834, the Senate bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1996

(Mr. WICKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 525, the following bills are expected to be considered under suspension of the rules on Thursday, September 26:

H. Con. Res. 180, Commending Americans in Cold War;

H.R. 3874, Civil Rights Commission; H.R. 2977, Administrative Dispute Resolution Conference Report;

H. Con. Res. 145, Re: Removal of Russian Forces from Moldova;

H. Con. Res. 189, Re: U.S. Membership in South Pacific;

H. Con. Res. 51, Removal of Russian Troops;

H.R. 2579, Establish Tourism Board;

H.R. 3841, Civil Service Reform Act;

H.R. 3973, Alaska Natives;

H.R. 3752, American Land Sovereignty Protection;

H.R. 3068, Prairie Island;

H.R. 2505, Alaska native Claim Settlement Act Amendments;

H.R. 4168, Dealing with the sale of Helium;

H.R. 2660, Tensas River National Wildlife;

S. 1802, Wyoming Fish Conveyance;

H.R. 3804, Agua Caliente;

H.R. 4011, Congressional Pension Forfeiture Act;

S. 1970, National Museum of American Indian;

H.R. 3700, Internet Election;

S. 640, Water Resources Development Act Conference Report;

H.R. 3159, NTSB; and

H.R. 4138, Hydrogen Research & Development.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HONORING RETIRING WOMEN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to give this special order honoring the women Members who will be